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1. FACED WITH THE SITUATION DESCRIBED REFTEL A AND ALTERNATIVES OFFERED, MY REACTION IS THAT FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO KEEP THE SIDEWINDER AND MAVERICK SALES TRANSACTIONS ALIVE BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SIDEWINDERS TO 900 AND MAVERICKS TO 1000 IF NECESSARY. I NOTE THIS IS SECRETARY'S OWR REACTION. I WOULD EVEN GO TO A LOWER FIGURE ON THE MAVERICKS IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY (900 AS CITED REFTEL A). WHEN I SEE SAUDIS ON SUBJECT, I WOULD TAKE LINE INDICATED ABOVE TO EFFECT FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO PRESERVE PROGRAMS AND GIVEN INTENSE PRESSURES ON US WE DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THAT AIM.

2. I ASSUME I WOULD BE PERMITTED TO REPEAT OUR ASSURANCE THAT AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES AFTER THE ELECTION, NOTWITHSTANDING SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS AUGUST 27 BRIEFING (REFTEL B) WHICH APPEARED TO PLACE THAT IN DOUBT.

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